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PROCEEDINGS.

JANUARY 20, 1904.

A meeting of the Society was held in the library and was called to order at 2.30 P. M., the president in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Burrage referred to the approaching 300th anniversary celebration of De Monts settlement at St. Croix Island, and it was voted that the committee appointed last year continue to have the matter in charge.

The president read a memorial issued by the Massachusetts Historical Society regarding the preservation of the frigate Constitution now lying at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and it was voted that the president write a letter on behalf of this Society endorsing the views of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Hon. Harry Rust Virgin read a paper on "The Convention of 1819." Vote of thanks was passed and a copy was requested for the archives.

Adjourned.

MARCH 11, 1904.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library and was called to order by the president, Mr. Baxter, at 2.30 P. M.

The librarian, Mr. Bryant, read his report of accessions to the library.

Mr. Baxter exhibited a copy of the recently published "Waldsee-Müller Map of the World, 1507," and gave an account of its discovery and its value to geographers and historians.

Mr. Charles E. Allen of Dresden, Maine, read a paper on some of the "Most Prominent Loyalists of the Kennebec Valley."

Rev. Dr. Henry S. Burrage read a paper on "Some Ecclesiastical Beginnings in Maine."

Votes of thanks were passed for the papers read and copies were requested for the archives of the Society.

Adjourned.

Report of accessions to the library:

Report on the Canadian Archives for 1902, from the Canadian government.
Report of the Auditor, City of Boston, 1902–03, from James H. Dodge.
Mary Rowlandson's Narrative, from Henry S. Nourse.
Annals of Oxford, Me., from M. F. King.
The Hamlin Family, from Gen. J. P. Cilley.
Mistress Alice Jocelyn, Her Letters, from Mrs. C. E. Cheney.
St. Croix Island, from W. F. Ganong.
Reproductions of Early Maps of New York, from the publisher, Major Tyler.
Memorial Addresses on General Logan, Dedication of Washington Monument, Maryland Editor Abroad, from Mrs. Horatio King.
Annual Reports, 1902, from the American Historical Association.
Pre-Historic Stone Mortar and Pestle, from California, and Early Lignum Vitæ Mortar, Decanters and Goblet, all from Mrs. J. A. Tenney.
Bound volume Mechanic Falls Ledger, 1902-03, from Charles E. Waterman.
Adams' Address on Noah Brooks, from W. H. Witherle.
Fiftieth Anniversary of State Street Church, Portland, from the committee.
Memoir of Joseph Williamson, from H. W. Williamson.
Numbers of Jack Downing's Gazette, from Francis E. Kimball.
Volume XII, York Deeds, from L. D. Carver.
Josiah Harris of East Machias, Me., from Herbert Harris.
State of Maine Registers, from G. M. Donham.
Tax List, Second Parish, Cape Elizabeth, from B. F. Woodbury.
Memoir of Hannah Lane Usher, from Ellis B. Usher.
Centennial Celebration at Gardiner, Me., from J. S. Maxcy.
History of the Diocese of Western New York, from Charles Wells Hayes.
Address on Albert T. Dunn, from Rev. Dr. E. C. Whittemore.

Biographies of Mayors of Portland, from Nathan Goold.

Address on Horace Gray, from Clarence Hale.

Historical Sketches, Cushing's Island, from L. B. Chapman.

Seven volumes City Documents, from City of Beverly, Mass.

Biographical Catalogue of the Bangor Theological Seminary, from Miss Green, librarian.

World of Art and Industry, 1853–54, from Miss Lucy Day.

A Juvenile Life of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, from Miss M. K. Longfellow.

Biographical Catalogue of Philips Academy of Andover, from C. C. Carpenter.

Cumberland Bar Addresses on Nathan Webb, from Clarence Hale.

The Historie Book, from A. and H. Artillery Co.

Reminiscences of Brownfield, Me., from Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

Life of Abbott Lawrence and Sundry Pamphlets, from Samuel A. Green.

Medfield, Mass., 250th Anniversary Celebration, from George Washburn.

Twenty bound volumes Portland Transcript, five bound volumes Public Opinion, five bound volumes New York Weekly Tribune, 1877–80, five bound volumes Hearth and Home, 1870–73, five bound volumes London Graphic, five bound volumes Gleason's Pictorial, Illustrated History Franco-German War, five bound volumes Illustrated News and other bound volumes, all from Mrs. Charles A. Ring.

By subscription and purchase have been added to the library:

Life and Voyages of Sir Humphrey Gilbert.

Journal of Capt. William Pote, Jr.

History of Reading, Mass.

Arnold's March to Quebec.

Georgetown, Me., Vital Records.

Perkins Families in England.

The Lamb Family.

The Mount Desert Herald, Volumes I to X.

Seashore Oracle, Volumes I to X.

History of Concord, N. H.

History of Second Church, Boston.

Berkshire County Gazetteer.

Vital Records of Massachusetts Towns, Barre, Tyringham, Sudbury, Topsfield, Bedford, Malden, Rehoboth, Dudley, Manchester, Holden, Gill, Great Barrington, Washington, New Braintree.

John D. Long's History of the New American Navy.

George F. Hoar's Autobiography of Seventy Years.

Trevelyan's History of the American Revolution.

Records of Tisbury, Mass.

History of the Congregational Church of Hampstead, N. H.

Hart's Life Masks of Great Americans.
The Bay Psalm Book, Volume III, Records of Plymouth.
Life of Rev. Dr. Francis Wayland.
Smedley Family Genealogy.
History of Pittsfield, Mass.
History of Amherst, Mass.
Whiting Genealogy.
Life of Elijah Kellogg.
History of Warren, N. H.

We are indebted for favors received, to the Maine State Library, Bowdoin College, Colby College, Harvard College, Amherst College, Yale College, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester Society of Antiquity, N. E. H. Genealogical Society, Boston Public Library, New York Public Library, Massachusetts Historical Society and many other societies, libraries and individuals.

April 15, 1904.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library and was called to order by the president at 2.30 P. M.

An original full length framed portrait of Abraham Lincoln and an autograph document signed by him, from the estate of the late Noah Brooks of Castine, were presented to the Society through the agency of Mr. William H. Witherle of Castine.

Mr. S. B. Cloudman of Gorham, Maine, read a paper on the "Early Free Baptist Church at Gorham and Some of the Peculiarities of its Members."

Mr. George S. Rowell of Portland read a paper on "Sir William Howe," the British Whig General of the Revolution, who contributed to the success of the American Cause in the war of the Revolution.

Adjourned at 4 P. M.

An evening session was held at 7.30 P. M.

Robert Ralston Jones, Esq., of Cincinnati, Ohio, read a paper suggested by the Old Bell, owned by the Society, that was taken from the ruins of the chapel of the Indian Mission near Norridgewock, Maine, which was destroyed in 1724 and where Father Râle lost his life.

Votes of thanks were passed for the papers read at both sessions and copies were requested for the archives.

Adjourned.

May 20, 1904.

A meeting of the Society was held at the library and was called to order at 3.00 P. M., Hon. George A. Emery in the chair.

The librarian made report of accessions to the library.

It was voted that the treasurer, Mr. Jordan, be authorized to sign a bond for the Society, as required by the executors of the will of the late Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Adjourned.

Report of accessions to the library:

Address on Death of Daniel Webster, and twenty other pamphlets, from George F. Emery.

Accidental Shooting in the Woods, from John F. Sprague.

Fort Washington at Cincinnati, from Robert R. Jones.

Vol. X of collections and the Ballou Family Genealogy, from the R. I. Historical Society.

Memorial of Fairman Rogers of Philadelphia, from Mrs. F. Rogers.

H. W. Mabie's address, from the New York Historical Society.

Bibliography of the Algonquians, from Hon. William P. Frye.

Brookline, Mass., Reports, from R. G. F. Candage.

Record of the military services of R. G. Carter, from the author.

Adventures of Ebenezer Fox and other volumes, from Mrs. R. M. Richardson.

New Hampshire Men in the Battle of Bunker Hill, from Henry M. Baker.

A large number of Government and State Reports, from the Portland Board of Trade.

Key of the Dungeon of the Old Fortress at St. Augustine, Fla., from Edw. M. Rand.

A $500 counterfeit bill on the Exchange Bank of Worcester, Mass., from William E. Gould.

Books of manuscript notes and sketches used by Wm. D. Williamson, the historian, in his History of Maine, from the son and daughter of the late Joseph Williamson.

Also added to the library by purchase: The History of Guilford, Conn.; Pearson's Life of Gov. John A. Andrew in two volumes; Ewell's Annals of Byfield, Mass.; Town Records of Marblehead, Petersham, Arlington, Waltham, Middletown, Shrewsbury.

Also added the Mitchell series of Maine, town registers as far as published. Sixteen volumes in number.

Benjamin Folsom's compilation of Biographical Sketches of Distinguished Officers of the American Navy, published in Newburyport in 1818.

Le Forestier's Journal and Autobiography.

The publications of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, in five volumes.

ANNUAL MEETING.

June 21, 1904.

The annual meeting was held at the Cleveland Lecture Room, Brunswick, Tuesday, June 21, 1904, and was called to order by the president, Mr. Baxter, at 2 P. M.

Members present: Messrs. Charles E. Allen, Henry S. Burrage, Hubbard W. Bryant, Henry L. Chapman, Fritz H. Jordan, Marquis F. King, James M. Larrabee, Leslie A. Lee, George Lewis, Weston Lewis, William D. Patterson, John C. Perkins, Asbury C. Stilphen, Albert R. Stubbs, William H. Witherle.

On motion it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last annual meeting as they had been printed.

Mr. Charles E. Allen was appointed secretary *pro tem.*

The annual report of the librarian and curator, Mr. Bryant, was read by him, and was approved to be placed on file.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. Jordan, was read by him, and it was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Samuel L. Boardman, the corresponding secretary and biographer, no report from him was presented.

The annual report of the standing committee was read by the recording secretary, Mr. Bryant. The report was accepted to be placed on file, and it was voted that the secretary call special attention to the papers to be read at each notice of future meetings.

Voted, that the secretary forward to the Blundell School Library at Tiverton, England, a copy of the Popham Celebration memorial volume in the name of the Society.

Mr. Council Greeley of Chicago addressed the meeting on the subject of certain papers prepared by his father relating to his imprisonment by the New Brunswick Government and which had been given to the Society about 1860.

Voted, to loan the papers to Mr. Greeley and the matter referred to the standing committee for further action.

Voted, to refer amendment to Section 2 of the By-laws to the next annual meeting.

Voted, to amend Section 8 of the By-laws by inserting after "notified thereof" the words "or neglect to pay his annual dues for two years."

Voted, to amend Section 16 of the By-laws by inserting the words "vice president and treasurer" as *ex officio* members of the standing committee.

The chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Chapman and Stilphen a committee to nominate a board of officers to be

elected for the ensuing year. The committee reported the following ballot, and on motion, no one objecting, Mr. Perkins was instructed to cast the ballot, which, being done, the officers were declared elected:

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

President — James P. Baxter.
Vice President — Prof. H. L. Chapman.
Treasurer — F. H. Jordan.
Corresponding Secretary and Biographer — S. L. Boardman.
Recording Secretary, Librarian and Curator — H. W. Bryant.
Standing Committee — Rev. H. S. Burrage, Portland; Gen. John M. Brown, Portland; Col. John M. Glidden, New Castle; Franklin A. Wilson, Bangor; Prentice C. Manning, Portland; George A. Emery, Saco; Augustus F. Moulton, Portland; Nathan Goold, Portland; Asbury C. Stilphen, Gardiner.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the committee of the St. Croix Valley at Calais the sum of fifty dollars, as a contribution of the Society in defraying the expenses of the tercentenary celebration.

On motion of Hon. M. F. King, it was voted that a committee be appointed to have in charge the King family burial lot in Scarborough. That they be authorized to receive such contributions as may be offered for the improvement of the lot or for its perpetual care, and to represent this Society in all things contemplated in the deed.

The treasurer of the Society shall be, *ex officio*, the treasurer of the committee.

The president appointed Messrs. M. F. King and A. F. Moulton of Portland, and George A. Emery of Saco, as said committee.

The following list of names proposed as resident members were voted upon by ballot, and were declared elected:

Philip Greely Brown, Portland.
Rev. Charles W. Collins, Portland.
Charles P. Gardiner, New Castle.

Robert H. Gardiner, Jr., Gardiner.
John E. Hobbs, North Berwick.
Rev. Charles Follen Lee, New Castle.
Edward C. Moody, York Village.
Charles William Noyes, Castine.
Rt. Rev. William H. O'Connell, Portland.
Isaac Frederic Sturdivant, Portland.
Dr. Frederick C. Thayer, Waterville.
Harry Rust Virgin, Portland.
Rev. Herbert Atchinson Jump, Brunswick.

The following names were proposed for corresponding members, were voted upon by ballot and were declared elected:

George Gordon Brooks, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Franklin Senter Frisbie, Concord, N. H.
Robert Ralston Jones, Cincinnati, O.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be extended to the Hon. William H. Moody, Secretary of the Navy, and to Hon. Charles A. Moses, Collector of the Port of Portland, for official courtesies in connection with the tercentenary celebration at Calais.

Annual reports of several County Historical Societies were presented and read by Mr. Bryant. Remarks were made by several regarding County Societies, and it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the president to encourage the organization of such local Societies among the young people. The following were appointed such committee:

A. C. Stilphen, J. M. Larrabee, Charles E. Allen.

A report of the Committee on the Wadsworth-Longfellow Memorial Fund was read by Rev. John Carroll Perkins, and it was accepted to be placed on file.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be extended to Mr. Nathan Goold, for his gratuitous services in connection with the Wadsworth-Longfellow House.

Voted, That authority be given to the treasurer, with the approval of the standing committee, to use six thousand dollars of the Society's funds as collateral security for a loan to be expended upon the new library building.

Adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LIBRARY AND CABINET.

June 21, 1904.

Herewith, I beg to offer my twenty-third annual report on the growth of our library and cabinet. The record of accessions shows that 360 bound volumes and 462 pamphlets have been received, but, in addition, a large number of state, town and government reports were received, which, being mostly duplicates, do not count.

As is often the case, some of the most desirable gifts received for the year are from generous women — notably, the gift of Mrs. Charles A. Ring, of Portland, of sixty bound volumes of newspapers; the memorial of Fairman Rogers, from his widow; the memorial of Gen. Daniel Butterfield, from Mrs. Butterfield.

Other important gifts from private individuals are: Annals of Oxford, Me., from M. F. King; Mary Rowlandson's Narrative, from Henry S. Nourse; Mortars and Pestles, from Mrs. J. A. Tenney; Reproductions of the First Maps of New York City, from Maj. Henry D. Tyler; a bound volume of all the pamphlets by F. O. J. Smith, from Edward M. Rand.

Other gifts of note are additional letters received by Stephen Longfellow, gift of the Longfellow family; papers from the library of our honored friend, Judge Williamson, from his son and daughter; The General Register of the Society of Colonial Wars, from the secretary; also the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars.

A considerable amount of needed binding has been done, especially in periodicals. The employment of linen

cloth or canvas has proved, so far, satisfactory. It seems to be especially fitted for books to be much handled, and is well adapted for the binding of heavy volumes of newspapers.

We desire to make a feature in our library of Maine newspapers and periodicals, and we shall be glad to pay the freight on both bound or unbound volumes. A box of early newspapers has been received from Mr. George H. Witherle, of Castine.

The Rev. Charles D. Sinnett, formerly of this state, and who has published some church history of Lebanon and Harpswell, is now living in North Dakota and announces that he is writing a history of all the families of Harpswell, Brunswick, Topsham and Bowdoinham.

Mr. Charles L. Clarke, of New York, has kindly promised us the genealogical history of the Moulton family of York for several generations.

Mr. Thomas Hillis, of South Boston, has kindly contributed another valuable genealogical paper on the Crosby family of Maine.

The study of family history seems to usurp the attention of the majority of students of history from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Family records and vital statistics are most called for by those using our library. The indications are that readers and students are more numerous than before, and that the privileges we afford are appreciated.

A continued liberal policy on the part of your library committee has resulted in many valuable local histories of Massachusetts and other states in being added to our shelves.

Cataloguing the library has been kept up since Mr. Thayer's departure last year.

We have purchased of Mr. Cartland of Pemaquid a manuscript copy of the gravestone records found in the burying ground at Pemaquid.

We should be glad to secure inscriptions from other cemeteries, especially those in the older towns of York County. The work must be done *con amore*, and without the expectation of liberal wages.

Through the aid of Mr. W. H. Witherle, of Castine, we have received from the estate of the late Noah Brooks a large original photograph of President Lincoln. Mr. Brooks prized this portrait very highly, as one of the most interesting and rarest. It was taken in the summer of 1862 in Mr. Brooks' presence.

A full account of the Gardiner Centennial Celebration of last year has been published in an attractive form, giving Mr. Maxcy's excellent historical address; also a large number of interesting illustrations of Gardiner, past and present.

The old York Historical Society is about to publish the proceedings at the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Settlement of Old York. It will make a volume of 136 pages, and will be well bound and fully illustrated. All will be pleased to have Mr. Baxter's history of the ancient settlement in such an attractive form. The volume is edited by Mr. Frank D. Marshall.

Mr. George W. Drisko's Narrative of Machias is now ready, and it makes nearly 600 pages. It is a very readable historical narrative, but we regret to say lacks an index. Mr. Drisko will do well to publish an index at once and increase the demand for his book.

Mr. H. E. Mitchell, of Kent's Hill, has begun the publication of a series of City and Town Registers in this state. Sixteen numbers have appeared, which we have placed on our shelves. They contain considerable local history and statistics.

Mr. L. B. Chapman's Genealogy of the Southgate and allied families is quite completed. It has grown much

beyond its original plan, and now awaits a favorable time for its publication.

Other Maine publications of historical value which have been added to our library by gift are Reminiscences of Brownfield, by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, The Biographical Catalogue of the Bangor Theological Seminary and The Centennial of the Portland Benevolent Society.

Of other Maine locals announced, we learn that Mr. Herbert M. Sylvester's literary and artistic venture is meeting with encouragement, and we trust that his plan may be successfully carried out. A series of five handsomely printed volumes, containing so much local history and written and illustrated by the author in such an attractive style, will surely constitute an event much to the credit of the author and his native state.

Mr. Francis B. Greene, of Boothbay Harbor, writes that he is making good progress with his History of Booth-Bay, Boothbay Harbor and Southport, and hopes to send it out next year. The records since 1765 are remarkably complete. The settlers of those towns excelled in having their families duly recorded on the town's books.

Mr. Greene has kindly agreed to transcribe for our library the marriage publishments of Boothbay.

The Society's new volume, being the first of the third series, is nearly completed and may be ready to be sent out in the early autumn.

Mr. Henry Gannett, Geographer of the United States Geological Survey, asks the coöperation of the Society in defining the origin and naming of place names in this state. It is to be hoped that our members generally will take an interest in this matter, and give such information as they can.

We have recently received official invitation to attend the tercentenary anniversary celebration of the founding of

Blundell's School at Tiverton, Devonshire, England on the 29th inst. This matter is of interest to us, as it is claimed that the school was organized and established by Sir John Popham, as executor for Peter Blundell.

In a lecture recently given at Tiverton, Sir John is spoken of as a colonizer and the *founder* of *the United States*. Dealing with Sir John, as Peter Blundell's friend, the lecturer read sections of Blundell's will, in which Popham was asked to supervise the erection and organization of the school.

Sir John evidently was a man of great force and industry, and besides his many duties as a lawyer and politician found time to interest himself in the doings of the two great land companies of Plymouth and London, and thereby became, as it were, a promoter and encourager of those who sought for homes in the New World.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 21, 1904.

Mr. President and Members of the Maine Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN: —

I have the honor to make the following report of receipts and expenditures for the past year, viz.:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 23, 1903, as per last report,	$647.48

Income of invested funds,	$711.72	
Income of Walker Fund,	60.00	
Admittance fees, 14 new members,	140.00	
Arrears of dues, prior to 1903,	22.00	
Annual dues, 1903, 17 members,	51.00	
Annual dues, 1904, 150 members,	450.00	
One life membership,	30.00	
Sales of Societies' publications,	87.05	
Sales of duplicates, etc.	18.40	
		$1,570.17
		$2,217.65

PAYMENTS.

Union Safe Deposit Co., rent of box and bond of treasurer,	$ 25.00
Salary of librarian and assistant, April 1, 1903, to March 31, 1904, inclusive,	300.00
On account Vol. I, Series 3, Societies' publications,	200.00
Premium of insurance on library,	112.50
Additions to library, account, Walker Fund,	282.58
Henry O. Thayer, labor cataloguing, etc.,	24.30
Printing,	67.50
Binding,	134.50

On account De Monts celebration,	$ 9.00	
Sundries,	99.46	
		$1,254.84
Balance on hand,		962.81
		$2,217.65

Of the above balance, $491.04 belongs to the Walker Fund.

The invested funds of the Society consist of stocks and bonds of the par value of $17,000, $1,000 of which belongs to the Walker Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 21, 1904.

Mr. President and Members of the Maine Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to make the following report of receipts and expenditures of the Longfellow Memorial Fund for the past year:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 23, 1903, as per last report,		$14,242.37
William W. Brown, subscription,	$ 650.00	

Remainder of legacy from Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf,	$1,600.00	
Interest,	254.14	
		$2,504.14
Income of Wadsworth-Longfellow House, viz.:		
Admissions for season of 1903,	$1,494.05	
Profit on articles sold,	248.99	
Contributions from visitors at house,	43.95	
		$1,787.49
		$18,534.00

PAYMENTS.

Account construction of library building, viz.:	
F. W. Cunningham & Son, mason work,	$5,600.35
Spencer Rogers, carpenter,	692.45
Megquier & Jones Co., beams, stairs, etc.,	2,482.00
Expanded Metal Co., floors, lathing, etc.,	5,111.50
Hollivan & Parker, copper roof,	1,456.00
Hollivan & Parker, asphalt in basement,	67.00
George H. Smardon, cement floor in basement,	343.00
Architects' fees,	773.28

Removing rubbish and grading,	29.05	
		$16,554.63
Expenses Wadsworth-Longfellow House:		
Salaries of attendants and janitor,	$306.50	
Fire insurance premium,	60.00	
Repairs and maintenance,	44.25	
Furnishing,	93.58	
Record books, printing and signs,	82.60	
Picture frames,	37.50	
Sundries,	86.39	
		$ 710.82
Balance on hand,		1,268.55
		$18,534.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ H. JORDAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF WADSWORTH-LONGFELLOW MEMORIAL FUND.

JUNE 21, 1904.

Your committee feel justified in declaring that the acquisition of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House in Portland was the most important event of recent years in the Society's welfare. Nothing ever made our purposes so conspicuous. Nothing has ever stimulated so generally the true historic sense in our midst. Nothing ever more naturally evoked the broader and deeper possibilities for a fellowship like ours. Nothing has ever so strongly emphasized, in the historic realm, domestic architecture and domestic habits, recreating the atmosphere of a home of the past, revealing an ancient family life of probity, out of which has issued genius.

The Maine Historical Society is no longer known alone for its library of books and documents, that fosters the sense of seclusion, of mere antiquity and dignified isolation. It has become a prominent and vital part of civic and social life in our state. We enter thereby upon a new career of public usefulness. Unexpectedly, in addition to all this, the house is a striking source of income, which bids fair to continue permanently and in increasing measure, so long as our state shall prove attractive to the people of the world.

All this has not occurred without great labor. It is useless to speculate upon what might have been the necessary consequence of our acquisition. As a matter of fact that consequence has actually obtained through the fertile plans,

and the unflagging zeal in consummating those plans on the part of Mr. Nathan Goold. To him, and the large number of generous persons who have coöperated with him, generally without compensation, our usefulness is due. About 6,000 paid admissions were obtained at the house in the summer of 1903, yielding a net income of $1,076.67. For three years Mr. Goold performed his service without cost to us. For the coming year your committee has been glad to arrange for his remuneration.

Since our last meeting the new library building has been practically finished on the outside, and much work has been done in the interior. The task will be prosecuted to its completion as rapidly as appears consistent with our available funds.

JOHN CARROLL PERKINS, *for the Committee.*

DE MONTS AND CHAMPLAIN TERCENTENARY PROCEEDINGS.

JUNE 25, 1904.

Meetings of the Maine Historical Society were held at Calais with citizens of the St. Croix valley, June 25, 1904, to celebrate the tercentenary anniversary of the settlement by De Monts and Champlain at St. Croix Island.

The morning session was held on St. Croix Island, about eight miles below Calais. Hon. Charles E. Swan, M. D., of Calais, presided, and delivered an address.

An address of welcome was also made by Hon. Almon I. Teed, Mayor of St. Stephen, N. B., which was followed by a response in behalf of the Maine Historical Society by the Rev. Henry S. Burrage, D. D., of Portland, Me.

A brief address was made by Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier of New Brunswick.

A poem by Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, entitled "The Island's Story," was read by Mr. Joseph F. Ryan, of Calais.

An oration was delivered by Hon. Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Brunswick, Me.

Hon. Alfred Kleczkowski, Consul General of France, delivered an address, and the exercises of the morning were concluded by the unveiling of the bronze tablet, affixed to a large boulder and bearing the following inscription:

To Commemorate
The Discovery and occupation
of this Island by
DE MONTS AND CHAMPLAIN
who, naming it
L'Isle Sainte Croix,
Founded here 26 June, 1604,
The French Colony of Acadia,
Then the only settlement
of Europeans north of Florida.
This tablet is erected by
Residents of the St. Croix Valley,
1904.

American, British and French war vessels, at anchor north of the island, fired a salute after the unveiling of the tablet.

By a unanimous vote the following resolution, presented by Mr. James Vroom, of St. Stephen, N. B., was passed:

Resolved, That this company, composed of citizens of the United States of America, subjects of His Majesty, King Edward VII, residing in British North America, and visitors from abroad, being assembled to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the discovery and settlement of the island on which the Siem De Monts and his companions passed the winter of 1604-5, and to which the discoverers gave the name of Sainte Croix, deplore the use of later names for the island and desire that as a mark of honor to De Monts and Champlain it be henceforth known by the name of St. Croix Island.

The afternoon session was held at the St. Croix Opera House in Calais. Citizens of Calais, St. Stephen, St. Andrews and Milltown united with the delegation of the Maine Historical Society. Gen. B. B. Murray, of Calais, presided.

Prof. W. F. Ganong, of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., read a paper, entitled "The Meaning of the Day."

Hon. James P. Baxter, of Portland, president of the Maine Historical Society, delivered an address on Champlain.

Brief addresses also were made by Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Dr. Aymer, delegate of the Royal Historical Society of Canada, Captains Dillingham, Aubry and Hill of the war vessels — United States Cruiser Detroit, French Cruiser Troude and the British Ship Columbine.

An ode, written for the occasion by Mr. Henry M. Rideout of Howard University, was read by Prof. Charles T. Copeland, of Howard University.

The exercises were concluded with the singing by the audience of two stanzas of "God Save the King" and two stanzas of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

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